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I first met *Kian* Amindavar at the rug store where he worked and where he lectured to our Rotary Club for an evening. *Kian* spoke to us on the origins and history of hand dyed and woven carpets from the Middle East and Asia. *Kian*'s knowledge of the various styles and qualities of these rugs was encyclopedic and his enthusiasm for all styles of "eastern" rugs amazed us.

I have known *Kian* now for more than 2 years. My wife and I had a collection of these rugs that were purchased in Iran where my wife lived for some years back in the 70's. She learned a lot about the rugs from various areas of Iran. She and I continue to be impressed by *Kian*'s broad knowledge of the rugs and the rug business – from the weavers in Iran, Turkey, India, and all over the world – to the export/import part of the business, and of the resources needed to support the rug business in the United States.

We have purchased more rugs from *Kian*. *Kian* has also done very complex and demanding repairs on some of our very old rugs that required precise color matching and difficult reweaving. *Kian* continually demonstrated his knowledge of how to do these very difficult jobs and also his knowledge of where to find wool and dye colors and other skilled specialists that were necessary to get the job done. The proof of that is in the results – beautifully restored rugs and wonderful new additions to our collection.

Kian does all this with an impressive sensitivity to what is best for the customers. The quality of his work and his wonderful positive attitude create great confidence that his customers are well taken care of and that the money they spend is spent well. *Kian* treats his customers like friends and they become his friends and stay as his good customers as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'D' followed by a long, horizontal flourish that tapers to the right.

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